



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re of Applicant)
Migaku TAKAHASHI) Art Group: 1753
Serial No.: 09/268,948)
Filing Date: March 16, 1999)
Title: IRON NITRITE FILM HAVING) Examiner: G. CANTELMO
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for filing of the Response and RCE in the above-entitled application for three months from May 22, 2001 to Friday, November 23, 2001 (due to the Thanksgiving holiday).

Applicant submits herewith a check in the amount of Eight Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$830) which covers the RCE fee of Three Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$370) and the Extension of Time fee of Four Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$460).

Applicant hereby claims small entity status. A reduction of $\frac{1}{2}$ for filing by small entity (see 37 CFR 1.27).

Respectfully submitted,

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